

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yasuyuki ANAMI) Group Art Unit: Not Assigned
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Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned) Examiner: Not Assigned
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Filed: Concurrently herewith)
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For: DESIGN SUPPORT SYSTEM)
WITH IMPROVED REUSABILITY)
OF WORK HISTORY DATA AND)
DESIGN SUPPORT METHOD)

Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the examination of the above application, please amend this application
as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 10, replace paragraphs 7 through 12; and page 11, replace paragraphs 1
through 7, with the following new paragraphs:

Figs. 5A and 5B are explanatory diagrams showing example selection screens;

Fig. 6 is a flow chart partly showing an example of an editing process;

Figs 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E, 7F, 7G and 7H are explanatory diagrams showing an
example of a guidance display;

Fig. 8A is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8B is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 9 is an explanatory diagram showing an example of an error situation caused when a design is replaced;

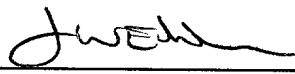
REMARKS

This amendment corrects minor informalities in the as-filed specification, and adds no new matter.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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[Fig. 8C is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8D is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8E is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8F is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8G is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;

Fig. 8H is an explanatory diagram showing a relationship between a reference surface and work history data;]

Fig. [9A] 9 is an explanatory diagram showing an example of an error situation caused when a design is replaced;

[Fig. 9B is an explanatory diagram showing an example of an error situation caused when a design is replaced;]